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1. On 10 January 1952, T'AN Yen-ming (譚彦明), chief of the technical department of the Central and South China Naval Headquarters, arrived in Canton to inspect Whampoa Dockyard. He was accompanied by Ta-k'o-mi-yeh-fu, a Soviet adviser, on a visit to YEH Chien-ying. On the morning of 11 January T'AN Yen-ming and the Soviet adviser went to Whampoa in the gunboat HAI NING (海寧). They were met on arrival by YING Chun-p'eng (英俊朋), acting chief of the dockyard; LU K'o-kuang (盧克光), officer in charge of the Kwangtung Office of the Central and South China Naval Headquarters; HSIAO Yen (蕭炎), deputy officer in charge of the Kwangtung office of the Central and South China Naval Headquarters, and other senior officials. A detailed inspection was made, which lasted until 4 p.m.
2. In the evening, a three hour meeting was held, during which T'AN Yen-ming criticized the work of the dockyard. He gave little praise and said that there was room for much improvement. The faults he cited were lack of detailed study of the working operations of the dockyard, the failure to establish a sound management system, and concealing shortages of repair equipment instead of applying for reissue from higher authorities. He said that it was necessary to improve the quality and quantity of output and to supply the various departments with sufficient equipment to accelerate repair work.
3. On 12 January T'AN Yen-ming continued his inspection. It was understood by the senior officers present that when the inspection was completed T'AN would submit to the Central and South China Naval Headquarters a plan for the extension of the dockyard.

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